Docket No.: 44239-081



## UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)



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Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

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FOR: IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS AND METHOD INTENSIVELY

PROVIDING DOTS IN HALFTONE PROCESS

Enclosed a	are:
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$\boxtimes$	23 pages of specification, claims, abstract.
$\boxtimes$	Declaration and Power of Attorney.
$\boxtimes$	Priority Claimed.
	Certified copy of Japanese Patent Application No. 2000-093149
	20 sheets of formal drawing.
	An assignment of the invention to Minolta Co., Ltd.
	and the assignment recordation fee.
	An associate power of attorney.
	A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 37 CFR 1.27.
	Information Disclosure Statement, Form PTO-1449 and reference.
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Total Claims	21	-20	1	\$18.00	\$18.00
Independent Claims	6	-3	3	\$13.00	\$240.00
Multiple Dependent Claim(s)  Basic Fee  Total of Above Calculations  Less ½ for Small Entity  Assignment & Recording Fee					\$0.00
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